

# What an exciting time in the life of your family! We look forward to working together to prepare your child to receive First Holy Communion!

The sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are typically received in the 2nd grade. Students must successfully complete 1st grade Faith Formation and actively participate in 2nd grade Faith Formation to receive these sacraments.

In order to receive the sacraments, a child is required to have had 2 consecutive years of faithful attendance (defined as not missing more than 3 classes total for Sunday/Wednesday sessions and no more than 1 for Summer/Saturday sessions in one year) in the Faith Formation program.

Children who attend a private Catholic school are required to receive their sacrament(s) at St. Brendan's. In such cases, the child registers only for First Communion as formation classes for these children are already given at school.

Families with children in 3rd through 12th grade who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, should contact the Faith Formation Office to discuss faith formation options. These situations are discussed and evaluated on an individual basis.



Other required items for both Private and Public School students:

- Must be registered members of St. Brendan's
- Submission of a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate by December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Completion of a Mass Attendance Card
- Attendance at Parent/Child First Reconciliation Workshop - October
- Attendance at Parent/Child First Communion Workshop - March
- Completion of at least one Family Service Project at St. Brendan's
- Completion of First Reconciliation and First Communion Workbooks

### First Reconciliation

1st Saturday in December

Drop-in: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

First Communion Masses take place the First Saturday in May each year.

### First Communion Mass Schedule

11:00 a.m. Mass: Last Names A - K

2:00 p.m. Mass: Last Names L - Z

### Rehearsal Schedule

The 11:00 a.m. Mass Rehearsal is 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of May.

The 2:00 p.m. Mass Rehearsal is 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of May.



### Fees

First Reconciliation/First Communion Preparation fee: \$40\*

\*Faith Formation fees are separate



Please contact Youth Faith Formation for more details at 770-205-7969, Ext. 33.

# The Journey to First Communion

